

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 7. (canceled)

Claim 8. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile which comprises a nonskid backing material on a back face of said floor tile, wherein said nonskid backing material is obtained by solidifying a paste sol comprising a plasticizer and at least one polyvinyl chloride-based resin selected from the group consisting of a polyvinyl chloride, a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate and a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate.

Claim 9. (currently amended) A loose-lay floor tile which comprises a nonskid backing material on a back face of said floor tile, wherein said nonskid backing material is obtained by mechanically foaming a paste sol which comprises (a) a plasticizer[[,]] ; (b) at least one polyvinyl chloride [[,]]

-based resin selected from the group consisting of (i) a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate comprising about 3 to 10% by mole of vinyl acetate as a monomer unit and (ii) a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate[[,]] ; and (c) a foam stabilizer of a hydrophobic type to obtain a foamed material, disposing the foamed material on the back face of said floor tile and then solidifying the foamed material to form said nonskid backing material.

Claim 10. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 8, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate which comprises about 3 to 10% by mole of vinyl acetate as a monomer unit.

Claim 11. (canceled)

Claim 12. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 8, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate comprising about 1.5 to 5% by weight of polyvinyl acetate.

Claim 13. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate comprising about 1.5 to 5% by weight of polyvinyl acetate.

Claim 14. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 15. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 10, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 16. (currently amended) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim [[11]] 9, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 17. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 12, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 18. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 13, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 19. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 15, wherein a content of the phthalic acid-based plasticizer is about 50 to 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyvinyl chloride-based resin.

Claim 20. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 16, wherein a content of the phthalic acid-based plasticizer is about 50 to 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyvinyl chloride-based resin.

Claim 21. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 20, wherein the phthalic acid-based plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate and diisononyl phthalate.

Claim 22. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 20, wherein the foam stabilizer of a hydrophobic type comprises a silicone-based surfactant.

Claim 23. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 21, wherein the foam stabilizer of a hydrophobic type comprises a silicone-based surfactant.

Claim 24. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the foamed material has an expansion rate of about 1.5 to 4.

Claim 25. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 23, wherein the foamed material has an expansion rate of about 1.5 to 4.

Claim 26. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 24, wherein the foamed material is disposed in a manner such that said foamed material forms stripes on the back face of said tile.

Claim 27. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 25, wherein the foamed material is disposed in a manner such that said foamed material forms stripes on the back face of said tile.

Claim 28. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 27, wherein the stripes have a height of 0.3 to 0.5 mm; the stripes have a width of about 2 mm; and a distance between the stripes is about 3 mm.

Claim 29. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate.

Claim 30. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to claim 9, wherein the floor tile is made of a plastic.